



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - November 1, 2002

- ***In the West***, very cold weather continues to slow or halt ***Northwestern*** winter wheat development, despite slight improvements in topsoil moisture earlier this week. Elsewhere ***west of the Rockies***, cool, dry conditions favor autumn fieldwork, including ***California's*** cotton harvesting and winter wheat planting.
- ***On the Plains***, a patchy, one- to three-inch snow cover is helping to protect winter wheat stands from unusually cold conditions in some areas from ***Montana southward to eastern Colorado and northwestern Kansas***. For the second consecutive morning, low temperatures below 0 degrees F were noted in parts of ***Montana***. Farther south, cool, dry weather favors a gradual return to fieldwork, although many fields and feedlots remain muddy on the ***southern Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, very cool weather across the ***upper Midwest*** continues to slow evaporation rates and limit corn and soybean harvest activities. Across the ***southern and eastern Corn Belt***, lingering wetness is causing only minor harvest delays, but cool weather is slowing winter wheat development.
- ***In the South***, locally heavy showers are confined to ***Deep South Texas***, where recent rainfall has boosted reservoir levels and improved prospects for winter grains. Elsewhere in the ***South***, cool, dry weather is promoting a gradual acceleration of frequently delayed summer crop harvesting.

Outlook: Strong Canadian high pressure will bring dry, cold weather to much of the ***United States***, although milder weather will slowly replace the bitter cold in the ***Pacific Northwest*** and ***central and northern Rockies***. Meanwhile, a series of fast-moving, weak cold fronts will maintain below-normal temperatures and periods of light snow in the ***upper Midwest and Northeast***. Elsewhere, scattered light showers will persist in the ***southern Plains***, while the ***Southwest*** remains dry. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 6-10 calls for surplus precipitation ***along the Pacific Northwest Coast and throughout the Atlantic Coast States***, while unseasonably dry weather is forecast for the ***central and southern Plains***. Below-normal temperatures are expected ***in the eastern half of the Nation***, with above-normal readings predicted in the ***northwestern U.S.***

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